



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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March 1, 1999

RE: MUR 4798
Buncombe County Republican Party, and
Gary S. McClure, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Long:

On February 23, 1999, the Federal Election Commission determined to grant your request to enter into negotiations directed towards reaching a conciliation agreement in settlement of this matter prior to a finding of probable cause to believe. At the same time, the Commission found reason to believe that the Buncombe County Republican Party and Laverne A. Williams violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b) with respect to several reporting errors. The Factual and Legal Analysis, which formed a basis for the Commission's finding is attached for your information.

Enclosed is a conciliation agreement that the Commission has approved in settlement of this matter. If your clients agree with the provisions of the enclosed agreement, please sign and return it, along with the civil penalty, to the Commission. In light of the fact that conciliation negotiations, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, are limited to a maximum of 30 days, you should respond to this notification as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or suggestions for changes in the agreement, or if you wish to arrange a meeting in connection with a mutually satisfactory conciliation agreement, please contact Xavier McDonnell, the attorney assigned to this matter at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Thomas".

Scott Thomas
Chairman

Enclosure
Conciliation Agreement
Factual and Legal Analysis